



Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission

DMC Committee

Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family

1700 West Washington Street, Suite 230, PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007

A general meeting of the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission (AJJC) DMC Committee was convened August 9, 2018, at the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family, 1700 West Washington Street, Suite 230, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, notice having been duly given.

Members Present (3)	
Helen Gándara, Chair	Alice Bustillo
Joseph Kelroy	
Staff/Guests Present (2)	Members Absent (0)
Steve Selover, Program Administrator	
Jennifer Ortiz, AOC	

Call to Order

- Ms. Helen Gándara, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. with three members and one staff present.

Welcome/Introductions

- Members present introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

- Ms. Gándara requested a motion to approve the November 13, 2017, meeting minutes.
 - Mr. Joseph Kelroy motioned to approve the minutes as drafted.
 - Ms. Alice Bustillo seconded the motion.
- The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

DMC Committee Purpose/Vision

- Ms. Gándara reviewed the roles and responsibilities developed by the DMC/Compliance Committee in 2017. Ms. Gándara stated in general these values are still relevant, despite the new direction presented by OJJDP pertaining to DMC. Committee members emphasized their role as being engaged with what is happening around the state, resulting in support, providing resources and guidance to locally led efforts.
- Mr. Kelroy suggested including language that acknowledges roles should be conducted while maintaining public safety to address concerns by those who worry that reducing disparities could compromise public safety.
- Ms. Gándara added that the group should begin to concentrate on framing the messaging more positively rather than using negative nuances such as "reducing".
- Ms. Jennifer Ortiz stated that the purpose should clearly state the committee will oversee the efforts happening at the local level.
- Mr. Kelroy stated that because the DMC Committee is an agent of the state, it should embrace collaboration between state agencies, staying informed on efforts happening at the state level and reporting out work done on behalf of the commission.

- The committee agreed that due to OJJDP removing the reduction model from the scope for reducing DMC, the committee should remove references to it and any other terms no longer endorsed by OJJDP. Instead the language should broadly reference the reduction of DMC as required by the JJDP Act.
- The committee discussed membership recruitment, including the acquisition of individuals outside the commission who should be included. The group agreed that roles and expectations should be well defined prior to approaching potential members.
- The committee decided that membership should include representatives from youth-serving systems, including the Administrative Office of the Courts, specifically Jennifer Ortiz and Angie Lopez for reporting activity occurring in the JDAI sites; the Department of Child Safety; AHCCCS; education; law enforcement; and urban and rural county probation. In addition, the committee will reach out to community-serving bodies, such as the Arizona Center for African-American Resources and other community leaders to include parents, family and youth participation.
- Altogether, the committee will target approximately 12 additional members.

Federal Compliance Updates

- Mr. Steve Selover provided an update on the upcoming changes to the DMC reporting requirements as presented by OJJDP. Major changes include requiring the states to report on five decision points: arrest, diversion, adjudication, detention, pre-trial detention, secure confinement, and transfer to adult court. OJJDP will also no longer require states to report outcomes based on the DMC Reduction Model. Instead, states must identify specific issues, develop an action plan and evaluate outcomes. Mr. Selover stated that further details will likely be made available to states prior to the 2019 report deadline.
- Committee members agreed that the reduction model could still serve as a guide for the commission for the purpose of using data to identify the issues, intervention to address the issues, evaluation and monitoring.
- The committee also recognized the work conducted at the local level will continue, and that the commission will monitor and support the work as required by the JJDP Act.
- Mr. Selover provided members with a statement made by the Coalition for Juvenile Justice in support of states continued efforts to address DMC as required by the JJDP Act.

Next Steps

- The committee will consider the appropriate individuals to represent the referenced organizations and bring these candidates back to the committee for further discussion.
- The revised DMC Committee scope will be presented at the next DMC Committee meeting in November.
- Mr. Selover will provide additional updates on the federal requirements as they are imparted by OJJDP.

Call to the Public

- The public was not present.

Adjournment

- Ms. Gándara requested a motion to adjourn.
 - Mr. Kelroy motioned to adjourn the meeting.
 - Ms. Alice Bustillo seconded the motion.
- The motion passed without objection, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:15.

Dated August 10, 2018
AJJC DMC Committee
Submitted by Steve Selover, GOYFF Program Administrator